

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

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RE: **Staff Redeployment and COVID-19 Unit Leadership Coverage**

Our Hospital continues to review operational activities to facilitate safe and efficient staffing levels in our ever-changing environment, to safely care for our patients.

As part of our response efforts to support the latest surge in COVID-19 positive patient activity, we have been redeploying available staff on a shift-to-shift basis. We will continue to evaluate all operations to determine where we can temporarily reduce other services to redirect staff toward COVID-19 activities. Our first approach is always to seek volunteers, and if you have a willingness to be redeployed then we ask that you please inform your Manager. Redeployed staff will be supported and guided by a Practice/Education Leader or Manager to help coordinate a team approach to patient care.

Effective **Monday, January 31st**, we will be expanding leadership coverage on the COVID-19 Unit to better support all staff who have been redeployed and to support the increased needs. The additional leadership support will be provided throughout the week and on weekends to augment the current leadership and the increasing work load.

We thank all staff for their co-operation and flexibility when being assigned to a different patient care area, department or assignment. You are demonstrating incredible commitment to your colleagues and our patients and families.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.